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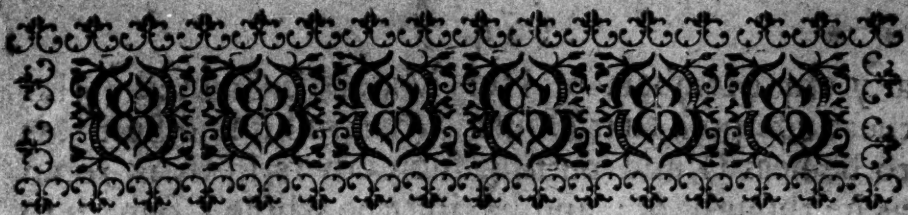
OF

William Sharpe Esq;



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To the Right Honourable the Lords of
Her Majesty's most Honourable
Privy Council, Appointed a Com-
mittee for hearing Appeals from the
Plantations.

The Humble Petition and Representation of
WILLIAM SHARPE Esq; *first Member*
of Her Majesty's Council of Barbadoes.

Sheweth,

THAT *Mitford Crowe*, Esq; late Governour
of Her Majesty's said Island (upon whose
Arrival your Petitioner's Administration
of the Government determin'd) did on
the 26th Day of *August*, 1707. suspend *Samuel Cox*,
John Mills, *Alexander Walker*, and your Petitioner,
from the Council, by Order, as he pretended, of
Her Majesty, for having voted for two Acts, One
establishing a Paper-Credit, the other appoint-
ing a Triennial Assembly; and for being in Debt.
But your Lordship's Petitioner was well satisfied the
true Reason for such their Suspension was, that the
said Mr. *Crowe* having (by his Attorneys, sometime
before his Arrival in that Island) brought a Bill in
Chancery against Capt. *Manuel Manasses Gilligan*,
and *Builer* his Wife, for a very considerable Sum of
Money, and perceiving that by his Instructions he
was entrusted with the usual power of removing

any the Members of Her Majesty's Council (who there compose that Court, wherein his said Suit was to be heard) and putting such others in their room as he thought fit; and having the whole Country to chuse out of, he knew who were the properest persons to sit in judgment with him, and try his Cause at that Board: Tho', to do Mr. Crowe Justice, your Petitioner never heard that he did, or had occasion to give his own Vote in his said Cause, but sat in Judgment with them, *probably, to prevent Errors, and keep Matters right*; and yet notwithstanding all his Care, such a Decree pass'd in his favour, as Her Sacred Majesty with the Advice of her Privy Council soon thought fit to reverse, upon hearing the said Gilligan's Appeal on that occasion, the 31st Day of March, 1709. And your Petitioner, with the other suspended Members, returned their respective Answers to the said Complaints, and transmitted them to the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, upon whose Report Her Majesty was so well satisfied, that She was graciously pleased, by Her Royal Order bearing date in Council at Kensington the 22^d Day of January, 1707. to order them to be restored, which was accordingly done on the 6th of July, 1708. and a Copy of the said Order is hereunto annex'd.

Your Petitioner humbly conceives himself sufficiently justified by the Minutes of the Council, whilst he had the honour to command in that Island, and the former Answers he made to these very Complaints, and all the Addresses thereunto affix'd; the 1st Answer bearing date at Barbadoes the 24th day of June, 1707. and the other transmitted to the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, the 8th of October, 1707. to all which he most humbly refers.

The several publick Speeches your Petitioner made to the Council and General Assembly, as also the Addresses formerly made

made to himself from every Parish in the Island
 (A true Copy of one of which, from
 the principal Town and Parish is here- N^o. 6.
 unto annex'd, the others being to the same
 Effect) and signed by all the present Complainants, and
 almost every Man in each Parish that was any ways
 affected by that Paper-Act; The Address
 of the whole General Assembly made to N^o. 7.
 your Petitioner, bearing date the 29th day
 of January, 1706. signed by all these very Complain-
 ants, long after they well knew your Petitioner had
 voted for the Paper, and Triennial Acts, and sat
 Chief Justice of the said Courts of Sessions in their
 said Complaints mentioned; And the Humble Ad-
 dresses to Her Sacred Majesty from the Gentlemen,
 and Merchants of Barbadoes, who were chiefly af-
 fected by that Act, and from all the Reverend Cler-
 gy of the Island, drawn and signed just as your Pe-
 titioner was leaving the Island, Copies
 whereof are also hereunto annex'd, plainly N^o. 8, 9.
 shew your Petitioner had no View but Her
 Majesty's Honour and his Country's Service, and
 discover that 'twas not your Petitioner's voting
 for the said Paper-Act, but the Disappointments
 some self-designing Men met with, from his sted-
 dy Conduct, and Perseverance afterwards, in re-
 scuing the Publick Credit, from the ill Effects
 thereof, that has procured him these Enemies,
 and drawn so many Years Persecutions upon him:
 For all the other Gentlemen who now sit at
 that Board, and voted with your Petitioner for that
 Act, and have ever since been so lucky as to be pas-
 sive therein, are undisturb'd, and not thought to
 have deserved the least Censure on that Occasion.
 And your Petitioner humbly begs leave here particu-
 larly to mention what he said to the Council, and
 General Assembly, upon discovering the Inconve-
 niencies of that Act, in the Speech he made to them
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at their very first meeting him in Council, and humbly submits it to your Lordship's Consideration, whether that was any ways abetting, or supporting the said Act, for your Petitioner's own private Ends, as was most unjustly averr'd ; the same being in the Words following, *viz.*

October the 1st, 1706. " We now find that the Act design-
" ed for a Paper Credit has been so
" far from answering the Ends pro-

" posed by it, that, I much fear, it
" has given a dangerous Blow to our Reputation
" in all Parts of Our Commerce, nor has it been
" less grievous to the poor Inhabitants of this
" Island, who, in great measure, are the Sinews
" of our Country, and deserve particular Care,
" and Protection.

" We have had a large Credit from Home, and
" we have discharg'd it with Imaginary Payments ;
" so that the Generous Adventurer scarce has re-
" turned him half his own.

" What Misfortunes this will bring upon us, is
" easier to Conceive, than Avoid.

" The Defects and Errors in the most essential
" Parts of that Act, I am apprehensive, are too
" many for a slight Amendment, or Correction ;
" yet some Resolutions you must fall upon to pre-
" serve the poor Remains of our Credit, lest we
" be represented under such Characters, as I am
" asham'd to think of.

And the private Views your Petitioner was charged with, in voting for the Bill establishing a Triennial Assembly, were so far from being true, That your Petitioner, soon after his coming to the Government, did dissolve that very Assembly. because they would not join with him in such Measures as he found absolutely necessary for retrieving the Publick
Credit

Credit from the ill Effects of that Paper-Act.

If your Petitioner's being in Debt was a reasonable Objection to his being of the Council, he conceives he has, long since, removed it, by discharging his Debts, which these Complainants well knew descended to him with his Estate, and were not contracted by him any otherwise than to comply with, and discharge such of the aforesaid Debts, as were most pressing upon him; And that the Money he has spent in *Barbadoes* has been purely to support the Dignity of the several Posts and Stations in which he has there had the Honour to serve Her Majesty, and for the Service of the Country, plainly appears by the great Number of Addresses which he has received, upon all the said Occasions, from almost every Person in the Island, and particularly from every one of those Gentlemen, who now complain, which, to be as little troublesome as possible to your Lordships, and avoid all Occasions of Ostentation, he has forborn to annex; but only begs Leave to mention one of the Minutes of Council, entred on the 14th of *March*, 1706. viz.

“ That the Honourable the President has exercised the several Powers devolved on him by
 “ her Majesty's Patent, according to the Fourteen
 “ Articles, which were confirm'd by three succeeding Councils, with Honour and Integrity.
 “ *Resolved*, That it is the unanimous Opinion
 “ of this Board, that the Honourable the President, in his Administration, has supported the
 “ Honour and Dignity of this Government, in
 “ entertaining of Strangers, and all other publick
 “ Occasions, with Reputation to the Country
 “ suitable to his Character, and with great Expence to himself.

But the Malice of this is most apparent, in that
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your Petitioner is accused in one and the same Paragraph, of repairing his broken Fortune out of the publick Misfortunes, and of being indebted near the Value of his Estate. And your Petitioner does humbly assure your Lordships, in further Answer to this scandalous Insinuation, that he never had one Farthing of the publick Money in that Island, except five hundred Pounds allow'd for furnishing his Cellars, by a special Vote of the Assembly, *Nemine Contradicente*, during the Time of his Government, which was the usual and least Sum given on that Account. But these Persons, with as little Modesty as Justice, and purely to shew there was no Length they could not go to serve the aforesaid Turn (in removing your Petitioner and the other Gentlemen, and thereby furnishing Mr. Crowe with his own Judges) were so hardy, as first to address him not to give any Obedience to Her Majesty's Royal Commands, for restoring your Petitioner and the two other Gentlemen, who then lay under his further unwarrantable Suspension, and then afterwards to Address Her Majesty, in manifest Prejudice to your Petitioner, and the other two Gentlemen, and in Justification of Mr. Crowe on that Contempt, in the false and heinous Words following, *viz.*

“ The Cries of the People, and our Necessities
 “ oblige us at this time, for the Preservation of
 “ the publick Peace, humbly to pray your Majesty's
 “ Gracious Favour to indulge us the Liberty
 “ of laying a true State of the Case relating to
 “ the Suspension and Restoration of the Honourable
 “ *William Sharpe, Alexander Walker, and Samuel Beresford*, Esqrs. with the just Reasons and Motives
 “ obliging us to address your Majesty's Governour
 “ of this Island, *Mitford Crowe*, Esq; on that Occasion,
 “ wherein we pray his suspending the swearing and Admission of the said Gentle-
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men into the Council, for that we found the
 People under a very great Consternation and
 Dissatisfaction on the Report of their being re-
 stor'd, by bringing fresh into their Memories
 the Oppression and Miseries they had so grie-
 vously suffer'd under in the said Sir Bevil's Go-
 vernment, by the ill Designs of the said William
 Sharpe, and Alexander Walker, amongst others in
 Authority.

This evil Combination and barbarous Usage was only
 set on foot to keep in force Mr. Crowe's second Sus-
 pension under which your Petitioner and the other
 two Gentlemen then lay, and which Her Majesty,
 by two positive Orders, one bearing Date at the
 Court at St. James's the 22^d Day of January, 1708.
 the other at Windsor the 2^d of July, 1709, did ex-
 pressly take off.

And as this Proceeding was a manifest Piece of
 Injustice to your Petitioner, and the other two
 Gentlemen, and an open Defiance of Her Majesty's
 Commands, so it rais'd the Indignation of every
 good Man in the Island, that had any notice thereof,
 to such a Degree, that above Five Hundred of
 them immediately sign'd the annex'd Address, N. 10.
 which was presented to Mr. Crowe, and a Du-
 plicate thereof transmitted to the Right Honourable
 the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations;
 and your Petitioner humbly hopes the same will not
 only sufficiently answer that unfair Accusation;
 but also clearly show of what little weight the other
 Matters are, that have been offer'd to the Preju-
 dice of himself, and the other Gentlemen, on this
 Occasion. And your Petitioner most humbly
 submits it to your Lordship's Consideration,
 whether it must not have been more to serve
 Mr. Crowe's own Turn, than purely to humour

so inconsiderable a handful of hot-headed Party-men (not exceeding ten) that could put Mr. *Crowe*, so rashly and violently upon keeping in those Gentlemen he had so selected, and hindring your Petitioner, and the other two then restored Members from sitting in Council, and at the aforesaid Court, after he had not only received such an Address, sign'd by so many Gentlemen of the greatest Worth and Estates in that Island, but also a Protest signed, and given in at the Board by several of the Members of Her Majesty's Council there, which is hereunto annexed, and even Her Sacred Majesty's exprefs Commands to the contrary.

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And, that *their whole Work might be all of a Piece*, May it please your Lordships, they most unjustly fram'd two other Crimes to charge your Petitioner with. The First, "That He, and *Alexander Walker* Esq; together with Colonel *Cleland*, *John Holder*, and others, prepar'd a Plan, or Scheme of Government, to dispose of all the Places of Profit and Trust in the Island, during your Petitioner's Presidentship. The other, "That your Petitioner had behav'd himself very ill, when he was by Sir *Bewill Granville* (our then good Governour) appointed Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Courts of Sessions in *Barbadoes*.

As to the first, your Petitioner solemnly declares he never saw, heard, or knew of any such Plan or Scheme, and the Minutes of the Council, during the time your Petitioner commanded in chief, which were all faithfully transmitted to the Right Honorable the Lords Commissioners for Trade and Plantations, will demonstrate this Charge to be utterly false. Permit me here, with all Submission, to observe to your Lordships, That, as there cannot be an Instance given wherein your Petitioner could be chargeable with

X The three Gentlemen from the Council for several Months, till he had a second Call from Her Majesty, and such such Reasons for it, as were very extraordinary, & to bind your Petitioner's report, still leaving a

with ingrossing Places of Profit and Trust; so the Complainants cannot have the Face to deny but that they themselves had a greater Share in those Places, whilst your Petitioner commanded, than the other Gentlemen of the Island; and if in any thing he can justly be reproach'd in his Administration, it was in Endeavouring to reclaim, and being too ready to serve these very Persons who have ever since been returning his Kindness with Ingratitude and Calumny. And as to the other, he humbly refers himself to the Records of the said Court, and to the repeated Addresses of the Grand Juries likewise, (who were Gentlemen of known Worth and Estates) given in with his former Answer, bearing Date at *Barbadoes*, June the 24th, 1707; and to the several Addresses of the whole general Assembly, made to your Petitioner, on that very Occasion, now hereunto annex'd, and more particularly to the Honourable *George Lillingston's* own Answer in Council to your Petitioner, when he desired his License to depart the Island, and pray'd that the Principal Secretary of State's Letter, bearing Date at *Whitehall*, the 28th of *March*, 1707, which signified Her Majesty's great Goodness, in having graciously condescended to Approve your Petitioner's Administration of that Government, might be entred in the Council-Books, both which were granted accordingly, on the 6th Day of *September*, 1710.

And the said President was also pleased to express himself in the Words following, viz. "That he was very sorry to lose so good, and able a Counsellor, but if it was for his Advantage, He did consent to the Honourable *William Sharp*, Esquire's Leaving this Island, to which this Board, having exprest themselves after the same Manner, unanimously consented.

He the said *Lillington* was the Person pretended to have been so ill treated by your Petitioner, on that Occasion, and being then Governour, would never have suffer'd such an Entry to be made in the Council-Books, had he not been perfectly well assured your Petitioner was neither guilty of that, or any other the Crimes so unjustly laid to his Charge, and that Her Majesty has already acquitted your Petitioner, and the other Gentlemen, most wrongfully accus'd of these Crimes, upon which no more was heard of these Complaints, till on, or about the first of April, 1711. At which time, a Vessel arriving from Great Britain, it was reported, that *William Hysham, Esq;* and *John Royle, of London, Merchant,* by the Instigation of a violent Set of Men, part of the Assembly of *Barbadoes*, had presented a Petition to Her Majesty, and pray'd a Hearing of the said Complaints, but that your Lordships, in your great Justice, observing that the Defendants had no regular Notice of the said Complaints, nor Copies of the said Address and Petition transmitted to them, in order to the making their Defence; your Lordships had been pleased to order them Copies, and a Month's time to examine Evidences, and answer the same, for which they think themselves obliged to acknowledge your Lordships great Justice and Goodness. And, upon the said Report, *Mr. Walker*, and your Petitioner, did, on the 17th Day of the said Month, move the then President, *Mr. Lillington*, in Council, and had a Minute entred in the Council-Books.

“ That they were inform'd, that the said Gentlemen, as Agents for that Island, had laid several Accusations against them, and *Mr. Beresford*, before Her Majesty in Council, but what they were accus'd of, they were as yet ignorant,

rant, and should always be ready to justify themselves, when they receive, or knew where to apply for such Charge.

And altho' your Petitioner, and Mr. Beresford, stay'd upon the Island long after your Lordships said Order arriv'd there, and the Complainants knew they design'd for London, in the Fleet, your Petitioner having long before that time publicly signified such his Intentions, and obtain'd the President's Leave in Council, for the same, as by the Council Books will appear; yet the Complainants were all that while so far from serving the said Order, or giving your Petitioner, and the other Gentlemen, any Copies of their said Charge, that whenever your Petitioner, or any of his Friends had any Discourse with them on that Matter, they constantly declared, they were concern'd that any such unhappy Differences had ever arisen, and were satisfied 'twould be for the Good of the Island, to put an End to them, and that therefore they would never be any further concern'd therein, or Words to that effect.

But, my Lords, some of these restless self-designing Men having brought our publick Affairs into a Posture too melancholy to be remembred, they then thought it a proper time again to embroil their Country, being conscious, should the People once be calm, and have leisure to consider, and retrospect into their Male-Administration, they would with one Voice be expos'd to universal Censure, and exemplary Punishment. And therefore, May it please your Lordships, your Petitioner, and Mr. Beresford, had no sooner left the Island, together with their living, and other Evidences, but the Complainants, contrary to such their aforesaid Assurances, and purely in Hopes to surprize, and render their Defence impracticable, served Mr. Walker with a Copy of
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your Lordships Order, but would not (as your Petitioner has heard) deliver, or so much as let Mr. Walker see any of the Proofs and Depositions pretended to be taken against Mr. Beresford, your Petitioner and himself, altho' he often demanded Copies of the same, in order to make his just Defence, which 'tis very plain, they have taken all the unfair Methods to prevent, well knowing he would otherwise easily have answer'd, and prov'd that he had served Her Majesty and his Country with great Zeal and Integrity. And your Petitioner understands the Complainants did not serve him, and the said Beresford, with your Lordships said Order, under Pretence that the same did direct, that Copies of their aforesaid Charge, and other Proceedings, should be forthwith transmitted to the three Counsellors, or one of them, to be communicated to the other two, and therefore craftily (as they thought) to surprize and render your Petitioner's Defence impracticable, as aforesaid, they had deferr'd the serving Mr. Walker, till Mr. Beresford and your Petitioner were gone off the Island, in hopes that they would be thereby as much bound, as if they had been all three actually upon the Island, and served with the same, and that the said Beresford, and your Petitioner, would then be stripp'd of all Hopes of ever knowing what they were to be accused of, alledging that they were not obliged to serve any more than one of them, which they had done.

My Lords,

Your Petitioner cannot but think it an Assurance, void of all Humanity, thus clandestinely to renew, and load him with Crimes of so black a Dye, without taking the least notice that he had already been so solemnly discharg'd from the same by the Sentence of the wisest, and best of SOVEREIGNS; and that too, upon no other Grounds, than purely the

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Hopes of getting him (without ever hearing, or so much as suspecting there could be any such unfair Designs carrying on against him) turn'd out of the Council of *Barbadoes*, after he had, at his own Expence, for above twenty Years past, faithfully served as a Member thereof, as appears by the repeated Addresses he has received from all the Parts of that Government, upon that and many other Occasions.

And what, my Lords, still aggravates this Matter is, that 'tis very plain these Persons well knew your Petitioner was no ways guilty of any the said Crimes; for otherwise, by the Moderation and Justice they have shewn through the whole Thread of this Story, 'tis evident they would most gladly have served him with the said Order, and driven him to a Tryal, and not have found Occasion so to wrest, and abuse the Justice of your Lordships Order, as to pretend, that since a Service upon one would have been sufficient for the other two, whilst they were all three upon one small Island together, That therefore a Service upon Mr. *Walker* in *Barbadoes*, should also affect your Petitioner, and the said *Beresford*, when they were in *Great Britain*, and knew nothing thereof. And altho' the said Mr. *Hysham* and *Royle* have known, for above these Nine Months past, that your Petitioner, and the said *Beresford* were arrived in *London*, yet have they, conscious, as your Petitioner believes, of the Injustice done him on this Occasion, never to this day served your Petitioner (or the said *Beresford*, as your Petitioner ever heard) with Copies of the said Address, and Petition, as your Lordships, in your Great Justice, had so long since directed.

And now, my Lords, your Petitioner has done himself the Honour of laying before your Lordships an Answer to all the Complaints against him that he has ever heard of, and upon which Her Sacred Majesty
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in Council has fully acquitted him: Not so much to defend his own Reputation, which some Persons of bad (or rather no) Principles, after all the indirect Practices imaginable, and so many Years seeking for Evidences, and Depositions, have industriously, but in vain endeavour'd to blast; as to prevent the pernicious Effects of that *restless Temper*, which is perpetually urging 'em on to disturb the Publick Peace as much, and as fatally, as they have done their Own. But as to the present underhand, dark Matter, these complaining Gentlemen can surely expect no other Answer from him, whilst they will not so much as suffer him to Guess what it is he is accus'd of, and, by their unaccountable way of proceeding, plainly discover they have not only been seeking for their Proofs, but even their Accusation.

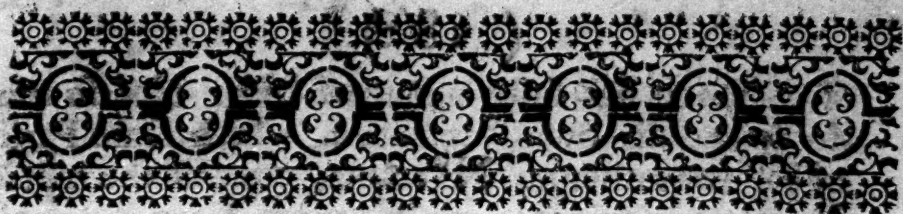
The Premises therefore considered, and for as much as your Petitioner, and the other two Gentlemen, have already been fairly heard, and had the Honour to be acquitted on this Matter, as aforesaid; And that the Justice of your Lordships Order has been so notoriously trifled with, and abused, your Petitioner most humbly prays your Lordships will be pleased, either to dismiss the said unjust Complaints against him, or direct the Complainants, in some short time, to serve your Petitioner with Copies of their pretended Charge, and Proofs against him, that he may once have an Opportunity of doing himself Right in this Affair, to clear his Reputation, and vouch his having long and faithfully served Her Majesty, and his Country, in the several Stations wherein he has had the Honour to be Employed.

And your Lordships Petitioner, as in Duty bound, shall ever pray, &c.

London, July

24, 1712.

At
W. Sharpe



N^o. I.

At the Court at KENSINGTON, the 22^d of
January, 1707.

Present the QUEEN's most Excellent
MAJESTY in Council.

UPON Reading this Day, at the Board, a Representation from the Lords Commissioners of Trade and Plantations, setting forth, That they have received a Letter from Mr. Crowe, Governour of Barbadoes, dated the 8th of August last, intimating, That he had (for certain Reasons mentioned therein) turned out of the Council of the said Island, Coll. Sharpe, Coll. Cox, Coll. Mills, and Coll. Walker. And the said Lords Commissioners not approving of the Reasons of Mr. Crowe's proceeding therein, humbly offer their Opinion, that they be restored to their Places again in the Council: Her Majesty taking the same into Consideration, is graciously pleased, with the Advice of Her Privy Council, to approve of the said Report of the Lords Commissioners of Trade, and to order, that the Right Honourable the Earl of Sunderland, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, do prepare a Letter for Her Majesty's Royal Signature, to the said Mr. Crowe, Governour of Barbadoes, directing him not to Displace or Suspend the said Four abovementioned Counsellors, and in case he has already suspended them, that they again be restored to their Places and Precedences in the Council of Barbadoes.

Edward Southwell.

*The President's first SPEECH to the
Council and Assembly.*

GENTLEMEN,

TO succeed Sir *Bevill Granville*, so great a Master in the Art of Governing, is an Honour, which at any time must have been attended with many Disadvantages; but now comes loaden with the greatest Difficulties, when the Spirit of Faction is so universally diffused, that unless timely prevented, the Commonwealth will be forc'd to give way to the partial Views of private Men, or at least made a Property to usher in particular Interests and Designs, destructive of Her self.

What must necessarily be the Consequence of our Divisions, is too apparent; I have not been an unconcerned Spectator of them, and I am perswaded there is no way to prevent our impending Ruin, but to lay aside those Animosities and Prejudices, which threaten it. And as I have the Happiness of proposing this to you, so Gentlemen, I have my self the Honour of giving the Example, which I am proud to find has had that universal Influence, as to bring the whole People unanimously into me; so that I have reason to hope, that with them, as well as with my self, all Distinctions are buried in Oblivion.

Next to our Care of having Peace at home, is to keep the War abroad; and that, Gentlemen, will most easily be effected by putting our selves into such
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a Posture of Defence, as may convince our Enemies, that the most favourable Entertainment they can receive here, will be an ignominious Retreat. This obliges me to recommend to you the fortifying your Country, in the best manner your Affairs will admit of.

And here I can't but commiserate the unhappy Circumstances of the inferior sort of our Inhabitants, who are so dishearten'd by the Fatigue, Labour, and insupportable Expence of Military Duty, that most of them are forced to seek for Support in other Parts, and those who remain are but so many miserable Objects of Charity.

Your Militia is hereby reduced lower than I can give my self leave to mention, and yet daily decreasing ; so that we have not, even the Consolation of knowing where the Mischief will end.

To supply this Deficiency, I am of Opinion, that we Address Her Sacred Majesty for such Forces as may perform these severer Duties, to the Ease and Comfort of our poor People, and that such Provision be made for their Subsistence, as will be least grievous to the Country.

I am satisfied, to do all this, you must be at great Expence, and you may assure your selves, nothing but a firm Perswasion of the Necessity of these Measures could prevail upon me to recommend them, since, you all well know, my own Possessions will subject me to as large a Share of the Burthen, as any.

You can't be ignorant that Trade is essential, even to the Being of a Colony ; this tender Plant, all wise Governments have nurs'd, and cherish'd with the fondest Care, as the Darling of their Hopes, and only inexhaustible Source of Wealth.

Now, when her Majesty's Victorious Arms have restored the Ballance of *Europe*, the great and only Aim of all Her glorious Actions ; it is highly probable

bable Trade will be settled on a firm Foundation, and you'll then have an Opportunity of fixing Her for ever yours.

It is then incumbent upon you, Gentlemen, to give such Encouragement, as may secure our Portion of her Smiles, which can only be compass'd by establishing your Credit.

We now find, that the Act designed for a Paper-Credit has been so far from answering the Ends propos'd by it, that, I much fear, it has given a dangerous Blow to our Reputation in all Parts of our Commerce; Nor has it been less grievous to the poor Inhabitants of this Island, who, in great measure, are the Sinews of our Country, and deserve particular Care and Protection.

We have had a large Credit from Home, and we have discharg'd it with imaginary Payments, so that the generous Adventurer scarce has return'd him half his own.

What Misfortunes this will bring upon us, is easier to conceive, than avoid.

The Defects and Errors in the most essential Parts of that Act, I'm apprehensive are too many for a slight Amendment or Correction; yet some Resolutions you must fall upon to preserve the poor Remains of our Credit, lest we be represented under such Characters, as I am asham'd to think of.

There is yet one thing more worthy your most immediate Care, the Support of true Religion and Virtue, without which no State, or Society of Men ever arriv'd to any degree of Wealth or Honour, and which alone can procure us Success in all our Attempts.

Let us then proceed to sacrifice all private Considerations to the Publick Good.

To me there shall be no other Rule, no other Note of Distinction, but who most consult their Country's Interest, who, their own.

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If you, Gentlemen, will then vigorously with me give into this Council, I flatter my self we shall easily, and heartily concur in such wholesome Resolutions, as may preserve our Country, heal our Distractions, promote our Trade, and retrieve our Credit.

Barbadoes Council-
Chamber, Tuesday
the 1st of October,
1706.

N^o. 3.

The President's SPEECH to the New Assembly, at their first Meeting, the former having been dissolv'd.

GENTLEMEN,

YOU are Assembled to advise on Affairs of greater Consequence, than any your Predecessors ever have been ; and if the Nature of things be consider'd, perhaps than any your Posterity ever will be : They are no less than retrieving the Publick Credit, the uniting a divided People.

I doubt not, you are prepared with Inclinations proper for the great Occasion ; that you have lain aside all Notions of Distinction, and come with Minds devoted to Peace and Union.

The Alarm I discover'd in some, at the Declarations I made in the Beginning of the Presidency, to discountenance Faction and Party (at that time arrived to a height unknown to our Forefathers) to discourage private Interests, to redress the Grievances of the Paper-Act, and to consult the Good of the

the Publick, was not the least Occasion of your meeting here.

And as my Love to my Country obliged me to make, and stand by those Declarations; so no Consideration shall influence me to depart from my Resolutions of persevering in those wholesome Measures.

Her Sacred Majesty has been graciously pleased to annul that Act, which had almost compleated our Ruin; and as Her Royal Favour is remarkable, in such an early Instance of Her Princely Care; so it is my greatest Satisfaction, that My self, with the concurring Members of Her Majesty's Council, were so happily prevented in our good Intentions for the Publick.

I am commanded by Her Majesty to move to you the Consideration of the late Paper-Credit; and to recommend the falling upon such Methods, as may fully answer the legal Demands of Her Majesty's Subjects; a Copy of which shall be given you.

And I am of opinion, nothing can be of that universal Benefit, as to discover who have, and for whom, our Country is mortgaged: That the Publick may be no longer, than necessarily, engaged for the Private; that the Debtor may be favour'd, as far as is consistent with Justice, and the Creditor as early reimburs'd, as our very Being can admit of.

And here I can't but publish my Esteem for those Persons, who, tho' compell'd by the Rigour of that Law, to accept of Payments so much to their Disadvantage, have yet express'd a generous Compassion towards the inadvertent Debtor.

Next to Her Majesty's Commands, you have, Gentlemen, a Motive to excite your early Thoughts of this Affair; it is, that your Publick Credit will take its Complexion from our present Resolutions; and it is beyond Argument, that in all the Accidents of your Credit, your Trade will sympathize.

It is worthy your soonest Thoughts, that without Trade, any Colony, but in a more especial manner this, cannot subsist: And 'tis by Trade alone, we must now supply the Infertility of our impoverish'd Country.

Of the many Incumbrances our Trade groans under, some deserve your most peculiar Care.

One is the great Rigour, and some Defects in the present Excise Act.

And if the Powder Duty was restrained only to Vessels that break Bulk, and not imposed on all who but touch at our Ports, it would (encouraged by our happy Situation) occasion many, not designed here, to try our Market: And if some proper Alleviation were made to the trading Vessels of the Island, they might, with little Encouragement, become a hopeful Nursery for Sailors, and increase our Numbers, at once the Strength, and Wealth of a Place.

But this we have little grounds to expect, if we reflect upon the many Pressures, under which our inferiour Inhabitants labour, occasioned chiefly by guarding, by the high Price of Salt, and the low of fresh Provisions.

The first may be remedied by adding to the Matrosses: The second has indeed many Causes, and a very powerful one is the Unwillingness in Seamen to venture hither during the War: But as that is beyond our Power thoroughly to redress, so we ought cheerfully to support our selves under it, since Her Majesty's victorious Arms promise us a lasting, and a glorious Peace.

As to the Lowness of fresh Provisions, 'tis owing to an Act, which, in my opinion, bears hard, where, least of all, a Law should do, upon the industrious Poor, and therefore deserves your Consideration.

There is what yet more discourages Persons from settling among us, the precarious Titles to our Estates:

I do not mean our Titles in Law, but by the Sword. The Miseries of Conquest, which have so lately oppress'd our unhappy Neighbours, ought to move in us a vigorous Regard for our Defence, and unwearied Diligence in Fortification, the useful Art of opposing many by few : I hope we shall not slip the Opportunity Coll. *Lilly's* Presence gives us, nor by any Neglect discourage his speedy return.

And to secure all these Blessings to us, nothing can be of that Efficacy, as in all our Actions and Proceedings to suppress Vice, Immorality, and Profaneness, and to promote true Religion and Virtue, the most lasting Cement of all Communities.

Let me then, Gentlemen, conjure you to bury in oblivion all former Misunderstandings, to lay aside all Heats and Animosities ; and in order to attain the great Purposes for which you are met, let us sacrifice our private Resentment to the publick Tranquility.

Barbadoes Council-
Chamber, *Tuesday*
the 21st of Janua-
ry, 1706

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N^o. 4.*The President's Second SPEECH to the
New Assembly, wherein were all these
present Complainants.*

GENTLEMEN,

THE Government has been very much alarm'd at Mr. *Vaughan's* refusing to attend the Council, according to Order, and much more so at your House's countenancing him in such his Contempt. And altho' we might legally have proceeded to severer Methods of compelling Respect and Obedience to our Orders, yet, because some ill designing Men would be glad of any Handle to disturb the Publick Repose, and that, notwithstanding the many Occasions some have industriously sought to affront the Government, we are resolved, if possible, to maintain a good Correspondence with you, as that which will be most for Her Majesty's Service: We have therefore thought fit to suspend the exerting our Authority against Mr. *Vaughan*, till we had endeavour'd, in the calmest manner, to convince you of your Mistake (to give it no harsher a Name) in coming to that Resolve.

The Notions you entertain, that you are to regulate your selves according to the Method of the House of Commons, are extravagant; They are a Great and Honourable Body, that join in giving Laws to a considerable Part of the World, and are invested with Privileges not easily ascertain'd; You, Gentlemen, only permitted by Her Majesty to convene for some Ends, to which you are, by Her Instructions, restrained.

These Notions lead you into Errors, which a more modest, and just Idea of your selves would preserve you from.

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The present Government have, during their Administration, labour'd to promote Peace and Union; your selves, before you were an Assembly, had nothing more in your Mouths. All private Grudges, Distinctions, Heats and Animosities, were to be no more; there was to be a thorough Reconciliation, and that way, the bleeding Wounds of our languishing Country were to be stop't. In order to procure this, we dissolved the last Assembly, by whom we apprehended those great, and good Ends could not be obtain'd; and in the Elections succeeding, to shew how sincerely we embraced all the Opportunities of restoring the publick Tranquility, we countenanced the Pretensions of many, with whom we had formerly been at variance, but whose Inclinations we were then perswaded were for Peace. For some time after your Election, there was an Appearance of Harmony amongst us, and all good Men began to entertain Hopes of seeing Halcyon Days once again in *Barbadoes*; But of a sudden we find Discontents, Coldness, Reflections; Persons (by your selves represented as Pests of their Country) carest by you in order to sully the Characters of deserving Men; Errors in Judgment expos'd as Corruption; nothing but Retrospection, raking into, and disturbing the very Ashes of the late Government, to find something whereby to continue the Confusions of our Country; And to what End? Can this procure Peace? or is this the Reconciliation so much promis'd? What have the Government done, since your Addresses to them, to cause this Alteration?

The Persons, Gentlemen, aimed at by those, who, by pretended Informations, labour to divide us for their private Advantages, would be proud of a proper Scrutiny into all their Actions under the late Government; but there is no reason this should retard the Publick Affairs: Almost three Months are laps'd since your Election, and nothing done in obedience

dience to Her Majesty's Order for Relief of those, who have been obliged to take the late Paper Money *; The Crop is now far spent, the Planter suffers, and the Merchant can make no Returns. How shall we answer this to the QUEEN, our Country, or our selves?

Let us then conjure you, Gentlemen, whatever private Dissatisfactions there may still be unhappily amongst us, let not the Publick suffer.

The Government is willing to bury in Oblivion all the Affronts and Indignities you have put upon them, and are inclining to think they proceed from Mistakes. We are so far from desiring to infringe your just Privileges, that we should be glad to interpose our Authority for supporting you in them; But when they are used as a Pretence to cloak private Spleen, Ill-nature, Pride, and Disobedience to Her Majesty's Authority, we shall omit no legal Methods of preserving the Dignity of Her Government, which we have now the Honour to Administer.

We do therefore expect, that you forthwith proceed upon the Bill † sent you down on Saturday last; that, to prevent the ill Consequences of your Resolve relating to Mr. *Vaughan*, you retract the same; a Resolve, which will sound harsh in the Ears of Her Majesty's Ministers at Home, and perhaps have an Effect not very agreeable to the high Notions you seem to entertain of your Privileges.

We do also expect that Mr. *Vaughan* in the humblest manner submit himself to this Board, in order to purge his Contempt, lest we be against our Inclinations driven to make use of severer, where milder Measures fail.

* The remarkable Conscience of these Men ought to be noted, who accuse Mr. Sharpe's Conduct in this Affair, whereas it fully appears, by the Minutes of the Council, how zealous he always was to relieve the Misfortunes of that Act, and how strenuously they opposed him, even when he was supported by Her Majesty's express Command.

† For Relief of such as had suffer'd by the late Paper-Act.

And to conclude, Gentlemen, we assure you, we are ready to embrace a good Correspondence with you ; that we should be glad to remove every thing that may obstruct it, and to render you all the good Offices in our Power.

N^o. 5.

Mr. Sharpe's Opinion in Council, on Mr. Crowe's stopping the Execution of that Law which was passed by Her Majesty's immediate Command for relief of such as had suffer'd by the late Paper-Act, only on his bare Order made on a Petition in favour of Coll. Holder.

I Conceive it my Duty, upon this Occasion, to declare, that I think the Dispensing Order, first sign'd by His Excellency, and afterwards confirm'd in Council, was illegal, and arbitrary ; Inconsistent with the *English* Constitution ; Destructive of the People's Liberty and Property ; Bad in it self, but still worse in many Circumstances ; A just Ground of Clamour and Discontent, and the Source of several Mischiefs, of which it may be necessary to give an Account in another Place.

I am of opinion, that this Matter never was, nor is cognisable by the Governour and Council, and that the Commissioners of the Bank, and their Officer, ought to have been left to discharge their Trust, and do their Duty in pursuance of the Act, which they * are most concern'd to understand.

* Having given a very great, and sufficient Security for the due, and faithful Execution of the said Act.

Barbadoes. To the Honourable *William Sharpe* Esq; President of Her Majesty's Council, and Commander in chief,

The Humble Address of the Gentlemen, Merchants, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Michael.

PERmit us, Sir, with Hearts full of Gratitude, to offer you the sincere Acknowledgments of your native Country, for the long Series of Services you have done the Publick, in the many, and Honourable Stations through which you have so often pass'd to the great, and general Satisfaction of this Place: And in a more particular manner for having so lately, by your prudent Conduct, Rescued us from impending Ruin, and by your influencing Example freed us from intestine Heats and Divisions.

The Dissolution of the late General Assembly, and calling a new one, has not only restored Peace to our distracted Island, but given us an Opportunity of chusing such Representatives, whose faithful and vigorous Counsels, we hope, will give your Honour fresh Occasions of persevering in the wholesome Measures you are fallen upon, to compose our Animosities, and retrieve our Credit.

Go on then, Sir, to perfect what you have so well begun, and render your Name dear to us, and Ours.

We are, Sir,

Your Honour's most Obedient, and
most Devoted Humble Servants,

Samuel

Samuel Beresford	Tho. Hide	Will. Kells
Charles Buckworth	Moses Peixottos	Phillip Bonyun
George Peers	David Castello	John Merring
Jos. Salmon	Benj. Bissell	Dudley Woodbridge
Tho. Beckles	Nich. Sayers	John Stroud
S. Matson	William Davis	John Scott
Joseph Hole	Thomas Carleton	Samuel Jacklen
Jos. Mason	James Butcher	Anth. Lane
Rob. Stillingfleet	John Moorhead	John Popel
Alex. Coningham	Abraham Franco	Jos. Harbin
H. Hall	John Rundell	Arthur Upton
Tho. Gordon	Jacob Frances	Tho. Stewart
Phineas Abarbanet	Tho. Hackett jun.	William Haselton
Jacob Legay	Will. Wilson	Hen. Doldame
Daniel Weildey	Tho. Hackett	Magnis Popel
Jacob de Medinas	Isaac Mendez	Tho. Shawe
Peter Jones	Moses Mendez	John Le Gay
William Siston	William Ditch	Edw. Crofts
Henry Raper	Ben. Poor jun.	Geo. Lascelles
Benj. Bullard	Jos. Walley	William Crofts
Jo. Lane	Thomas Baron	Aeneas Driscoll
C. Fowler	Richard Middleton	John Raven
Jos. Chace	Benj. Motson	Samuel Austin
Robert Moore	William King	Henry Lavington
Isaac Nunes	Henry Adamson	John Smart
Jeremiah Sharpe	Dom. Arthur	Nath. Smith
Robert Hackett	Jos. Charnock	Edw. Carleton
Tho. Taylor	G. Newport	William Atkins
Robert Jacob	Jacob Kopke	Geo. Lyte
Tho. Poor	James Gibbons	Thomas Lynch
Thomas Welsh	Joshua Kent	W. Newport
Jos. Swane	J. Symonds Attorn.	Tho. Carney
Andrew Harbin	Jehu Hall	Edward Jordan
Edmund Crompton	William Rosell	Nath. Williamson
Phil. Whiting	William Read	John Parkinson
Benj. Robinson	Thomas Read	James Miln
Robert Draper	Caleb Lindall	John Clark
William Bellany	Joshua Hall	Jo. Walls

Mich. Bigger	Lodivick M ^c Goun	James Robertson
John Hunt	Raynes Bate	Geo. Thompson
Moses Burges jun.	Zachary Shute	James Wier
James Chaband	Robert Hol	Stephen Butcher
Jo. Bazwin	John Roach	Tho. Barlett
Isa. Franco	John Wadsworth	Francis Hopkine
Charles Sidney	Fran. De Laet	Paul Carrington
William Keith	Enoch Gould	Will. Moore
Isa. Franco	Isaac Suares	Geo. Mackenzie
Benj. Smith	John Brenan	James Lewes
John Sieuzac	Tho. Dinning	Tho. Green
William Maxwell	John Arrowsmith	P. Baille
William Wilson	William Stanley	Tho. Ross jun.
Paul Manier	Edward Kemp	W. Copp.
John Anderson	Henry Tyldesley	Jos. Shene
Christopher Donn	Moses Espinozo	Edw. Cordwent
George Hooper	W. Weaver	Rob. Corlett
Thomas Archer	Edwin Carter	W. Roberts
Will. Crawford	Wallford Butcher	King Townsend
Richard Clarke	Bassil Duncly	John Townsend
John Robinson	Ja. Reynolds jun.	Tho. Edwards
Thomas Palmer	Henry Gibbs.	Norm. Mackcaskell
Thomas Bunney	Hen. Feake	William Hare
Tim. Johnstown	Cha. Clancy	John Hinton
Gabriel Hinton	John Hutton	Cha. Mackarty
John Arnell	John Beule	All. Shipman
W. Thomas	John Archer	J. Warter
W. Sims	Geo. Von Lengerken	Tho. Withers
Ed. Nicolls	John Bailey	Will. Pulman
Ja. Grefet	George Hogshard	James Matthews
Fer. Mac Guire	John Pryer	George Reeve
John Dodd	Henry Curtis	Tim. Lee
John Gough	Nich. Gribbell	W. Godman
John Boynton	Benj. Curtis	W. Chearnley
Abraham	Tho. Godfrey	John Dymes
Barnard Loveridge	John Taylor	R. Forstall
Z. Janfourche	Samuel Hasell	W. Rayner
Thomas Ely	Richard Hasell	Sam. Durousseau

Jeffery Pollard	John Andrews	Andrew Barnes
Bonham Carter	W. Verman	Robert Deane
W. Cragg	Stephen Alexander	Henry Curll
James Stewart	Mich. Hall	Benj. Poor
Gilbert Packer	Joseph Young	W. Richards
Richard Harwood	John Freeman	Richard Barry
Francis Croom	Jacob Nunez	W. Macklain
Jos. Salmon, jun.	W. Bateman	John Mackcollin
Joseph Busbey	Charles Copen	W. Shuller
John Bosworth	Alex. Forrester	Jacob Franco
John Harbin	Cha. Ellacott	W. Mackleur
George Simpson	W. Small	John Karvis
Robert Kells	Florence Crouly	Jos. Hough
John Smith	Richard Barnigame	Edward Flower
Wm. Cogan	Charles Baynes	Henry Bishop
John Williams	Tho. Ostrehan	Alex. Arnot
Abraham Peltzer	Stephen Charnock	Gabriel King
Jasper Bullard	John Conokee	Benj. Hall
Robert Birney	Edward Nusum	Robert Allen
John Gill	Bryan Kerney	Isaac Defonceca
Nicholas Hope	Manuel Namias	Tho. Reynoldson
Elias Randeau	Tho. Willoughby	Edw. Bissell
Tho. Holland	Sam. Chace	John Gibbes.

A Congratulatory Address from the Assembly of the Island to Mr. Sharpe, upon his becoming President. Note, That all the present Complainants are among these Addressors.

Barbadoes. To the Honourable *William Sharpe* Esq; President of Her Majesty's Council, and Commander in Chief of this and other the *Caribbee Islands*, &c.

The Humble Address of the General Assembly of this Island.

May it Please your Honour,

WE Esteem it our particular Happiness, that upon the Departure of Sir *Bevill Granville*, our late Governour, it was your Honour's Right to Preside in Her Majesty's Council, who have given us such early Demonstrations of your Intentions to contribute, what in you lies, not only to retrieve the Publick Credit, but also to put an End to our unhappy Divisions.

We return your Honour our most humble and hearty Thanks for the great Care you have taken in the Administration of the Government of this Island under its present Establishment, ever since your Arrival to the Honourable Station you are now placed in, as also for the Speech your Honour made to us at the opening of this present Assembly, and shall proceed upon the several Matters therein recommended to us with all the Expedition that the Nature of them will admit.

We hope your Honour will continue to pursue those wholesome Measures you have already begun for Her Majesty's Service, and the Peace and Prosperity of this Island; and we assure your Honour, that we will effectually stand by, and assist your Honour, and the Honourable Members of Her Majesty's Council concurring with you in so good a Work.

Passed the Assembly, *nemine contradicente*,
29th January, 1706.

JAMES COWSE Clerk of the Assembly.

The

N^o. 8.*Barbadoes.*

To The QUEEN's Most Excellent
MAJESTY,

*The Humble Address of the Gentlemen and
Merchants of the Island of Barbadoes.*

May it Please your Majesty,

WE your Majesty's most Dutiful and Loyal Subjects humbly beg leave in the most awful and grateful manner to make our hearty Acknowledgments for all those Blessings we have enjoyed under your inimitable Reign.

Among which, Most Gracious Sovereign, we have found it not to have been the least, that Your Majesty has been Graciously pleased to honour Mr. Sharpe with being the happy Instrument of many of them.

That Gentleman, after having many Years faithfully discharged his Duty as a Member of Your Council, and after having Govern'd this Place in the most difficult Times, and with many severe Struggles rescued the publick Credit from the bad Influences of the Paper-Act, and having passed through the several Stations wherein Your Majesty has thought fit

to place him, to the general Satisfaction of your People, is now preparing to approach your Royal Person.

We beg leave to assure Your Majesty, we are truly sensible of Your great Goodness, in condescending to extend Your Royal Protection to Us Your remote Subjects, and that we heartily pray for Your long and Glorious Reign over us. We are,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most Dutiful

and Loyal Subjects,

<i>Samuel Cox</i>	<i>Wm. Kirkham</i>	<i>James Chaband</i>
<i>Samuel Beresford</i>	<i>Arthur Upon</i>	<i>Wm. Allamby</i>
<i>Timothy Salter</i>	<i>Richard Hassel</i>	<i>Edward Morgan</i>
<i>Will. Codrington</i>	<i>Thomas Carney</i>	<i>George Newport</i>
<i>Thomas Sandiford</i>	<i>Wm. Davis</i>	<i>M. Gilligan</i>
<i>Rich. Carter</i>	<i>Dudley Woodbridge</i>	<i>Jos. Salmon</i>
<i>James Cowse</i>	<i>Wm. King</i>	<i>Jos. Salmon jun.</i>
<i>Robert Warren</i>	<i>John Brenan</i>	<i>Tho. Greens</i>
<i>John Fisher</i>	<i>Henry Gibbs</i>	<i>Wm. Cogan</i>
<i>William Gibbes</i>	<i>Burch Hotherfall</i>	<i>Thomas Harper</i>
<i>Raynes Bate</i>	<i>John Sharpe</i>	<i>Edward Niccoll</i>
<i>Tho. Beckles</i>	<i>Arch. Whyte</i>	<i>John Cleland</i>
<i>Guy Chapman</i>	<i>John Stroud</i>	<i>Charles Game</i>
<i>Thomas Shawe</i>	<i>George Forster</i>	<i>Charles Sidney</i>
<i>Geo. Lascelles</i>	<i>James Lewes</i>	<i>Charles Lindall</i>
<i>Hugh Hall</i>	<i>Charles Fowler</i>	<i>Charles Buckworth</i>
<i>Benj. Bullard</i>	<i>Edward Crofts</i>	<i>John Grove</i>
<i>Thomas Stewart</i>	<i>Wm. Moore</i>	<i>S. Durousseau</i>
<i>Joseph Hole</i>	<i>Timothy Johnstown</i>	<i>Wm. Cearnley</i>
<i>Thomas Ward</i>	<i>Patrick Thomson</i>	<i>Oth. Haggat</i>
<i>Robert Lamplee</i>	<i>Stede Bonnet</i>	<i>Wm. Rayner</i>
<i>W. Palmer</i>	<i>Hen. Peers</i>	<i>Wm. Siston</i>
<i>David Creagh</i>	<i>John Trent</i>	<i>John Gibbons</i>

J. Stevens

J. Stevens	Benj. Bissel	Tho. Gordon
Benj. Hall	Wm. Griffith	John Millington
John Lane	Edward Cordwener	John Guillim
Alex. Coningham	Wm. Rosell	Thomas Read
Jos. Swane	Jos. Kent	Samuel Hasell
John Hall	John Arrowsmith	John Bowman
Paul Carrington	George Hows	Henry Curle
Robert Moore	Wm. Read	Thomas Mogridge
Thomas Palmer	Henry Adamson	Edm. Crompton
Allen Needham	Edwin Carter	Jos. Brown
Benj. Matson	Wm. Crofts	Tho. Dinning
Patrick Mein	Jos. Ward	Anthony Lane
Benj. Curtis	Henry Carter	Henry Doldrane

No. 9.

Barbadoes.

To The QUEEN's Most Excellent MAJESTY,

The Humble Address of the Clergy of Barbadoes.

WE Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Clergy of Your Majesty's Island of *Barbadoes*, humbly beg leave to congratulate Your Sacred Majesty upon that long Train of Successes with which God has been graciously pleased to bless Your happy Reign.

With

With Hearts full of Gratitude we acknowledge Your Majesty's unexampled Piety, your transcendent Concern for Religion in general, and in a particular and tender manner for our Holy Mother the Church of *England*, to whose remote Sons, Your Loyal Clergy here, Your Majesty has extended Your constant Care, in those Royal Commands in their favour, Your Majesty has given to all in Authority under you ; which we beg leave to assure Your Majesty were punctually obeyed by Mr. *Sharpe*, who, as a Member of Your Majesty's Council, vigorously promoted that Act, under which we claim our chief Support : And when he had the Honour to Administer the Government of this Island, as President of your Majesty's Council, and Commander in Chief, took all Occasions of recommending true Religion and Virtue in his Speeches to the General Assembly, in the publick Marks he gave of his Esteem for the Clergy, and by his Practice in attending the Devotions of the Church, which was crowded by his Example. All which, in Justice to him, we have presumed humbly to represent to Your Most Sacred Majesty.

May God Almighty, in whose Hands are the Hearts of Princes, direct Your Majesty in the Measures you take for the Good of Christendom, that Your Majesty may attain the great Ends you aim at here, and everlasting Glory hereafter. This, *May it please your Majesty*, shall always be the Prayer of,

Your Majesty's most Dutiful and

Most Devoted Subjects,

William Ball

Gilbert Wharton

Sam. Beresford

W. Gordon

Charles Irvine

Edward Brice

John Glasgow

Gilbert Ramsay

Ad. Justice

And. Baillie

Cha. Canenghame.

The Address of the Gentlemen of Barbadoes, in justification of Mr. Sharpe, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Beresford, sign'd by above Five Hundred of the principal Inhabitants of the Island.

Barbadoes.

To his Excellency *Mitford Crowe Esq;* Her Majesty's Captain General and Commander in Chief, over this and other the *Charibbee* Islands, to Windward of *Guardaloupe*, &c.

The Humble Address of the Gentlemen, Planters, Merchants, Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of this Island.

May it please your Excellency,

WHereas Her Most Sacred Majesty has by Her Royal Order in Council, strictly charged and required your Excellency, upon receipt of the same, immediately to restore the Honourable *William Sharpe*, and *Alexander Walker*, and the Reverend *Samuel Beresford*, unto their respective Places and Precedences in Her Majesty's Council of this Island: And whereas a violent Set of Men in the Assembly have, contrary to the Opinion, and in opposition to the Report of many of the most Judicious and Moderate Members, prepared an Address, wherein they pray your Excellency not to admit the said Members of Her Majesty's Council, and do rashly averr that Her Majesty's said Order has given very great Dissatisfaction to the Inhabitants of this Island.

We

We the underwritten, being Her Majesty's most dutiful Subjects, do think our selves indispensibly oblig'd to express our just Indignation against, and utter Abhorrence of the said Address: And we cannot but declare, that we do look upon this Proceeding not only as altogether unprecedented, and highly insolent, but so necessarily tending to sow Sedition, and to promote the Feuds which have brought this Island to the very Brink of Ruin, that we believe the unhappy Authors themselves were not aware of the Heinousness of the Crime, nor sufficiently considered the ill Consequences of it.

We therefore cannot, upon this Occasion, but most earnestly beseech your Excellency, that you will no longer bear the Sword and the Ballance in vain, but that you will give the most effectual Proofs of your Resentment, Support Her Majesty's Just Right and Authority, strictly pursue all your Instructions, Exercise your own legal Power with the utmost Vigour, for promoting all the good Ends for which you were sent hither; and your Excellency may be assured that we shall stand by and support you to the utmost, as becomes Her Majesty's most dutiful Subjects, and

Your Excellency's most Humble Servants,

<i>Chr. Codrington</i>	<i>Marm. Nicholls</i>	<i>Claudius Hamilton</i>
<i>Raynes Bate</i>	<i>Edw. Morgan</i>	<i>John Jenkins</i>
<i>Jo. Sandford</i>	<i>Gabr. King.</i>	<i>Wm. Kirkham</i>
<i>Job. Hotherfal</i>	<i>David Hay</i>	<i>G. Newport</i>
<i>Tho. Stoakes</i>	<i>Jam. Bredie</i>	<i>James Lewes</i>
<i>Guy Chapman</i>	<i>Jos. Salmon</i>	<i>James Miln</i>
<i>Wm. Gordon</i>	<i>John Merring</i>	<i>Alex. Stockdale</i>
<i>Norm. Mackaskel</i>	<i>Arch. Darroch</i>	<i>John Cleland</i>
<i>Wm. Coggan</i>	<i>Hen. Peers</i>	<i>Hugh Agnew</i>
<i>A. Skene</i>	<i>Tho. Steward</i>	<i>Tho. Ward</i>
<i>Wm. Cleland</i>	<i>Allen Needham</i>	<i>Zach. Shute</i>
<i>John Stephens</i>	<i>Rob. Vaughan</i>	<i>John Gibbons</i>

Chris.

Chris. Fowler	Wm. Godman	Rich. Lucas
Patr. Thompson	John Clark	John Ross
Gonner Platt	Geo. Lascells	Wm. Fitz Gerald
Cha. Buckworth	Augustine Burk	M. Swillivant
John Bentley	Tho. Gordon	Owen Mac Cartey
Hugh Hall	Rich. Banister	Philip Onell
Jos. Salmon junr.	John Wiggins	Mat. Johnston
James Chaband	Tho. Edwards	Edw. Everson
Ben. Bullard	Wm. Stanley	Tho. Green
Jos. Thorne	Steph. Butcher	William Nicholces
Dan. Groves	Geo. Reeve	Alex. Waire
Jos. Chace	Richard Perrat	Rob. Stander
John Dottin	J. Glasgow	Alex. Gade
Wm. Bateman	Jos. Reeve	Jos. Scutt
John Scott	Richard Wiltshire	Jos. Barnes
Hen. Carter	John Mackcollon	Edw. Colenefs
John Anderson	Edw. Carleton	Rich. Morris
Sam. Herbert	Wm. Mackcleur	Benet Rees
Tho. Palmer	Benj. Moore	Wm. Jones
John Legay	Hugh Murrey	Brock Gosling
Hen. Evans	John Burk	John Fleming
Hen. Gibbs	Edw. Bagg	John Grant
John Millington	Hen. Bourn	Rob. Tate
Cha. Game	Wm. Durant	John Oliver
John Stroude	Wm. Roberts	Tho. Toby
Wm. Crofts	Wm. Wilson	John McDonel
Anth. Lane	Morris Hickey	John Jordan
Nich. Gibbs	Wm. Hutchinson	Jos. Brown
John Smith	Wm. Weaver	John Lane
John Sharpe	John Hooper	Sam. Jacklin
Cha. Sidney	Wm. Hooper	Tho. Curtis
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 Hen. Boxill
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 Tho. Carew
 Nich. Price

*The Counsellors Protest, or Reasons given
Mr. Crowe in Council for restoring Mr.
Sharpe, Mr. Walker, and Mr. Beres-
ford, according to Her Majesty's Order.*

THE Reasons why we insisted, last Council Day to have our Dissents entred, when your Excellency declared, that you would suspend the Execution of Her Majesty's Royal Order for immediately restoring Mr. *Sharpe*, Mr. *Walker*, and Mr. *Beresford* to their Places in the Council, was, because in Matters of Moment, we think our selves in Duty bound to tender our Advice, tho' his Excellency does not require it, lest by our Unseasonable Silence, we should be thought to approve of what, in our Judgments we think so Irregular; and the Reasons why we do Dissent in this Case, are:

First, Because no Argument, or Pretence, how plausible soever, can justify the Disobeying, or Suspending the Execution of Her Majesty's Order.

Secondly, Because Encouraging Persons to Address, or any ways to concern themselves with Matters solely belonging to the Royal Prerogative, is of very dangerous Consequence, and tending to the Diminution of Her Majesty's Authority here.

Thirdly, Because the Address for not restoring them, alledges, That the Report of the Restoration had occasioned a general Consternation, and great Dissatisfaction in the People, which, upon Enquiry

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we find to be entirely otherwise, those whom we have yet spoke with being very well satisfied with, and glad of their being Restored.

Fourthly, Because in the said Address it is alledged, that the Reasons of their Suspension have not been fully laid before Her Majesty : whereas the Reasons are repeated in the Body of the said Order.

Fifthly, Because in the said Address Mr. Sharpe and Mr. Walker are accused of having mi behaved themselves in the Administrtation of the Government, without mentioning any Particular Misbehaviour : Whereas Her Most Sacred Majesty has, by a Letter from the Right Honourable the Earl of Sunderland, Principal Secretary of State, signified unto the said Mr. Sharpe Her Royal Approbation of his Conduct.

Sixthly, Because it will admit of a Question, and we believe be determined in the Affirmative, That while these three Members are hindred from Sitting, or Voting in Council, all our Proceedings will be Erroneous ; Her Majesty, by Her Patent, not having given his Excellency any Power, that we know of, to Suspend the Execution of Her Royal Orders upon any account whatsoever.

And therefore we humbly move, That before any thing be done in Council, the Opinions of the Attorney General, and the Queen's Council may be first taken in this weighty Important Point : And we desire that this Motion may be Entred, together with our Reasons, for our Justification.

The

*The Thanks of the Assembly to Mr. Sharpe,
upon his first sitting as Chief Justice of
the Sessions.*

Barbadoes, Tuesday 19th December.

THE House being met, the Honourable *William Sharpe Esq;** sent in a Message to this House by the Marshal attending the same, and acquainted them, that he was ready to lay before the Assembly the several Addresses and Presentments of the Grand Inquest of the late Court of Oyer and Terminer held for the Body of this Island, on the 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th Days of this instant Month of *December*, which several Addresses, and the Presentments of the said Grand Inquest were ordered to be read, which was done.

And then a Member of the House moved, that the Honourable *William Sharpe Esq;* who was Chief Justice of the said Court of Oyer and Terminer, might be requested to send into the House his Speech made at the Opening of the said Sessions, as also his Speech made in open Sessions after the Grand Inquest had deliver'd in their Addresses and Presentments. Whereupon a Messenger waited upon the said *William Sharpe Esq;* and acquainted him, that this House desired to speak with him, who was pleased to come to the House, and then Mr. Speaker requested his Honour to send those Speeches into the Assembly, which he accordingly did, and the same being read,

* The Grand Inquest having desired him so to do.

are ordered to be recorded at large in the Assembly's Journal, with the Addresses and Presentments of the Grand Jury.

Then a Member moved, that in regard the said Honourable *William Sharpe* had held the said Court of Oyer and Terminer, with a Splendor and Decency becoming the High Honour and Dignity of Her Majesty, as also that in regard the Grand Jury attending the said Court had acquitted themselves in such their Station as became their Duty to Her Majesty, and the Trust expected from them by the People, That this House will make an Acknowledgment of such their Services to the Country: And thereupon,

Resolved, First that the Speaker do publicly give the Thanks of this House to the said Honourable *William Sharpe*, in such manner as he shall think most proper.

Barbadoes, Tuesday, 16th January, 1704.

WHereas at a former Sitting of the House, *It was Resolved*, That the Speaker should publicly give the Thanks of this House to the Honourable *William Sharpe Esq;* who was Chief Justice of the late Court of Oyer and Terminer, in such manner as he should think proper.

It is now further Resolved, That the Honourable *Alexander Walker*, and Col. *John Holder*, Esqrs. do give the publick Thanks of this House to the said *William Sharpe*, Esq; in such decent and respectful manner, as they shall think most proper and convenient.

A true Copy of the above Minutes, attested by

WILLIAM GRACE, D.C. of the Assembly.

The

*The Thanks of the Assembly to Mr. Sharpe,
upon his holding the Court of Sessions a
second time.*

*Barbadoes, Tuesday the 20th of December,
1705.*

THE Honourable William Sharpe Esq; Chief Justice of the Court of Oyer and Terminer, held for the Body of this Island, came to the House *, and presented the Presentments of the Grand Inquest, together with an Address from the said Inquest, to the said William Sharpe, Esq; which being read, was ordered to be entred in the Journal of this House, and are as follow, viz.

And then a Member moved, That in regard the said Honourable William Sharpe Esq; has acquitted himself in such Post, as well at the late, as at the former Court of Oyer and Terminer, with great Zeal for the Publick Service in the equal and regular Distribution of Justice, That he should have the Thanks of this House for the same.

Resolved, *nemine contradicente*, That such publick Thanks be given, and that the Honourable Alexander Walker and John Holder Esqrs. do present the same.

A true Copy of the above Minutes.

WILLIAM GRACE D.C. of the Assembly.

* The Grand Inquest having desired him so to do.